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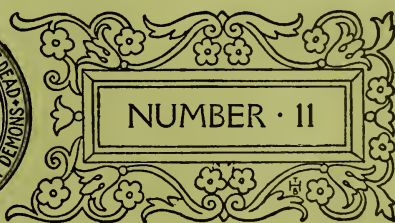
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Government by Principle

Mrs. Eddy says in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (page 106): "God has endowed man with inalienable rights, among which are self-government, reason, and conscience. Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth and Love."

Throughout what has seemed the slow processes of the ages, nations have gained and applied an increasing understanding of government by Principle and have called it democracy.

In it one individual has joined with others in governing his own community without outside interference, at the same time uniting with other self-governing communities in support of and obedience to a main policy which declares all men free and equal, and capable of self-government.

This is the policy in force in a progressing degree in the United States of America, in the British Empire, in France, and in Italy; it is the ideal for which these nations, with others, have been fighting in the greatest of all wars.

It is the pattern of government that is brought to a still higher degree of clarity and practicality in the Manual of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, designed by Mrs. Eddy for the guidance and government of The Mother Church and its branch churches and members throughout the world.

In addition the Manual brings out clearly the two essentials embraced in the quotations given above from the Christian Science textbook: (1) the necessity of individual self-government, (2) the accomplishment of this only through strict reliance on Principle.

Hence, Christian Scientists, by an ever closer study of the Church Manual and faithful adherence thereto, aid inestimably in making irresistible throughout the whole world the ideals of true democracy, or government by Principle.

The Manual of The Mother Church is obtainable at Christian Science reading rooms or by writing to The Christian Science Publishing Society, in Boston, Massachusetts.

exert compulsion from without, and to imprison, punish, or kill anyone who expresses will or desire contrary to his caprices. But when truth governs, the compelling power is within; there is understanding and enlightenment so that the actions of those who obey are harmonious and not conflicting. It is like traveler after traveler finding the right way, or stately ships moving safely amid dangers into their desired haven.

The government of God, Truth, then, means real freedom because divine law guides into the right way,

because the truth regarding life means health, righteousness, honor, happiness, fidelity, and consequent deliverance from disease, dishonor, distrust, unhappiness, and infidelity. Our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, says (*Science and Health*, p. 225): "Whatever enslaves man is opposed to the divine government. Truth makes man free. You may know when first Truth leads by the fewness and faithfulness of its followers. Thus it is that the march of time bears onward freedom's banner."

WILLIAM P. MCKENZIE.

EMANCIPATION

REAL emancipation is spiritual freedom. Christian Science is the perfect emancipator, because it delivers mankind from all ills, from those of the human mind and thus of the flesh, and from all tyrannies including those organized by medical and ecclesiastical monopolies. Man is God's reflection, neither separate from nor abandoned by Deity; therefore man is always free to be good and to do good. Evil influences cannot in reality intervene between man and his Maker, yet how persistent has been the effort of evil to insert itself between the creator and His creation and to destroy this self-existent at-one-ment! The human footsteps taken by the race in repulsing such attempts and in reaffirming man's solidarity with God constitute human history. Many emancipators have trodden the stage of earthly life, acted their parts, spoken their inspired words, and, though not always understood, yet have lifted the

thought of the world to a higher plane, leaving mankind in their debt.

The genius of America is liberty. In the month of February the United States celebrates annually the memory of two great emancipators who delivered their native land out of the hand of the enemy, and in so doing helped to release the whole world from bondage,—George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Christian Scientists who listened to President Wilson's Thanksgiving Proclamation read in their churches will have noticed that it was dated in the year "of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-third." In 1918 it was one hundred and forty-three years since Mesmer brought mesmerism into notice in Germany. The revolution of the English colonies in America, led by George Washington, was not against the England of their own ancestry, the England of the Magna Charta, of Wycliffe, and of Crom-

well, but against England as ruled by a foreigner, imported from Germany.

In the light of this historic fact George Washington then appears as a benefactor of the human race, who was really waging war against a condition of thought which had reached England from Germany and would if successful have converted the British Empire into an autocracy governed by mesmerism. George Washington under divine guidance fought in behalf of the true Anglo-Saxon, as a fore-fighter for Anglo-Israel. In her address to the Concord church, February, 1899, Mrs. Eddy wrote (*Miscellany*, p. 148): "In the annals of our denomination this church becomes historic, having completed its organization February 22—Washington's birthday. Memorable date, all unthought of till the day had passed! Then we beheld the omen,—religious liberty,—the Father of the universe and the father of our nation in concurrence." So salutary was the effect of the American Revolution upon Great Britain itself that the short-lived attempt to build up an empire by mesmeric autocratic control was promptly abandoned, and the principal British settlements such as those in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, and elsewhere took upon themselves the form of independent commonwealths linked to the mother country by the slenderest political ties but by the strongest bonds of affection.

Nevertheless, the separatist purposes of mesmerism or animal magnetism though defeated were only quiescent. The United States of America, the greatest of all democ-

racies, had inherited African slavery from colonial times and had allowed it to become incorporated into its body politic, until another great emancipator arose in the person of Abraham Lincoln. With the passing of years there is a genuine desire to make amends for the loneliness in which that great man dwelt during his years of matchless service. In her poem, "To the Old Year—1865," Mrs. Eddy thus writes of the great President's sacrifice (*Poems*, p. 26):—

Chill was thy midnight day,
While Justice grasped the sword to hold her
 throne,
And on her altar our loved Lincoln's own
 Great willing heart did lay.

The cause of Lincoln's tragic martyrdom has been mesmerically hidden from the world, but until it is generally understood the mental assassin will continue to produce the visible assassin. The propaganda of hate which separated the southern from the northern states of the Union and lighted the fires of civil war was the same influence which fired the fatal shot at the emancipator President in the theater. Mrs. Eddy in her address on "Science and the Senses" in Chicago in 1888 (*Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 101) declared: "Christian Science and the senses are at war. It is a revolutionary struggle. We already have had two in this nation; and they began and ended in a contest for the true idea, for human liberty and rights. Now cometh a third struggle; for the freedom of health, holiness, and the attainment of heaven." Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation virtually brought the second revolution-

ary struggle to a close. Following the leadership of America the world is now engaged in the third great struggle. From the same environment from which issued the first notice of mesmerism a blast of autocratic hate has seared the liberty loving nations, but they have repelled the physical onslaught and imposed terms upon Germany.

Still the effort to insert a dividing wedge between the two branches of the English speaking race continues. Whose interests can this division subserve? Is a defeated Germany the actual source of this conspiracy, or do we look behind her upon that "darkness [which] was upon the face of the deep," before the light of God dispersed it? Is it that mesmerism or animal magnetism which in Mrs. Eddy's interpretation of Scripture is designated by Dan, of whom Jacob prophesied, "Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward"? Is it Dan, the renegade Israelite, who seeks to make a breach in the twelve tribes of Israel, as the worship of Baal once before divided Jacob's descendants into the weak kingdoms of Judah and Israel which were both led into captivity? Is this same mesmerism or animal magnetism typified by the false Israelite seeking to pry open the armor of Anglo-Israel and spoil its battle plan? Is the separatist argument now using a false socialistic, autocratic concept of the state, manufactured in Germany but carrying the Russian label of Bolshevism, in order to subvert all order and set every man against his neighbor?

Whatever may be the present plan of the evil worker, it will fail. The human race under the liberating influence of Christian Science will continue to be emancipated from one evil after another. Abraham Lincoln, for instance, clearly saw the need for total abstinence from intoxicating liquor, and in spite of great opposition America and the liberty loving nations are fast ridding themselves of the drink slavery. Woman must be emancipated, not only from the more obvious disadvantages which hedge her about in public affairs and professions, but also from every unnatural restraint which would keep her from putting her saving inspiration into effect. By her discovery of Christian Science Mrs. Eddy broke the way for woman through the obstacles of male opposition. Mrs. Eddy knew her divine origin and used it. Her great book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," is at once a Declaration of Independence and an Emancipation Proclamation. It sealed the two great revolutionary struggles and opened the third.

From one emancipation to another the race will advance until slavery of every kind has vanished, whether it be physical, mental, or spiritual. The part of woman in this magnificent ascent is increasing rapidly in power. Belshazzar's queen pointed him to Daniel, Pilate's wife warned him against harming Jesus, Abraham Lincoln's labor for emancipation was vastly helped by Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The prisoner Dreyfus would never have been set free but for the never failing

loyalty of his wife and her persistent appeal for a rehearing of his case. In our day Christian Science is the divine Comforter which reaches all those in distress with the mother love of God.

The edict goes forth from Christian Science that the hour of complete emancipation has already sounded. Moses emancipated the Israelites from slavery in Egypt; in

1861 the emancipation of the serfs took place in Russia, in 1863 that of the African in America, and in 1866 the discovery of Christian Science ushered in a world-wide emancipation from all evil through the spiritual understanding which enthrones God as Mother as well as Father and sets men free to find their womanhood and women to find their manhood.

WILLIAM D. McCrackan.

CHRISTIANITY AND THE COMMONWEALTH

IN all times thinkers have agreed that the commonwealth is the highest ideal for a nation, although there have been widely differing views in ancient and modern times as to how this form of government could be realized. It goes without saying that the ideals embodied in the commonwealth have been worked out in a more practical and satisfactory way in the United States of America than in any other country, and this is undoubtedly due to the fact that religious freedom was made the foundation stone of the great edifice which has been built up during the last two hundred years. This form of government, rightly viewed, always implies the recognition of the supreme governing authority and obedience to moral and spiritual law, for without these no human government can have stability or continue to exist. It is also clear that in the final analysis such authority is never dependent upon any individual or group of individuals, although it may be expressed through them, but rests upon the law which is itself the manifestation of eternal justice and right.

In the early history of the Hebrew people we find that under the leadership of Moses their thought was directed toward the divine government of the nation, and although there were priests and princes set over the tribes, yet they only held authority as they obeyed and expressed the divine law. As the years went on and the people intermarried with those of other nations we find them crying out for a king who would establish militarism in the land, but the prophet Samuel warned them against this and strove to direct their thought away from mortal man to infinite Mind.

Here we should remember that even among the judges and priests in the land of Israel there were few who expressed the pure spirituality which alone would qualify them to lead their fellow men into spiritual freedom, with its necessary expression in good government in which all the people shared, and which would necessarily bring prosperity to all. In Christian Science this is readily understood, and we see that, until the demands of Principle are recog-

Seeing the World Through The Christian Science Monitor

In "Miscellaneous Writings," page 194, Mrs. Eddy writes: "The lens of Science magnifies the divine power to human sight; and we then see the supremacy of Spirit and the nothingness of matter."

A committee on the support of circulation and advertising in THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR in a branch church in a large eastern city recently held a meeting to consider the subject, "The World as I Saw it Through a Copy of THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR."

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"3. Considered from a spiritual standpoint, in what was I led to behold the activity of Principle in the affairs of men?

"4. Has, or has not, my study of this copy of the MONITOR led me to contemplate the world with more understanding, more sympathy, more love?"

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